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FIIS IN INDIAN CAPITAL MARKET
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the exact date from which Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) have been allowed to operate in the Indian Capital Market;

(b) whether some Foreign Institutional Investors have tried to acquire controlling interests of a Indian Telecom Company;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Foreign investors succeeded in this attempt of takeover;

(e) if so, which foreign institutional investors were involved; and

(f) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) have been permitted to operate in the Indian Capital market in terms of the Government of India guidelines dated 14th September, 1992.

(b) According to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the regulator of the Capital Market, no such case of acquisition of Controlling interest/attempt to takeover of an Indian Telecom Company has come to their notice.

(c) to (f) : Does not arise in view of (b) above.